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TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XA, XF

SUBJ: AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

1. EXCEPT IN SELECTED CASES, DEPARTMENT HAS NOT REQUESTED POSTS TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN RAISING MATTER OF AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC BREAKS WITH ISRAEL. WHEN QUESTION ARISES, HOWEVER, ALL NON-ARAB POSTS SHOULD INDICATE THAT, WHILE WE RECOGNIZE PRESSURES ON AFRICAN COUNTRIES WE REGRET RUPTURES. ISRAEL HAS DONE MUCH FOR BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND BREAKS WITH ISRAEL HARDLY LIKELY INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS OF OAU OR AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN DEALING WITH MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS.

2. BREAKS WITH ISRAEL, HOWEVER, MAY REPRESENT MORE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM FOR U.S. BREAKS UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT FROM DEMARCHES BY EGYPT, LIBYA AND ALGERIA, EACH OF WHICH MAY COUPLE DEMARCHE ON ISRAEL WITH ATTACK ON U.S. POLICY.

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POSTS ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED BE ALERT THIS DANGER AND

MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT TO INSURE BEST POSSIBLE APPRECIATION U.S. POLICIES AND ROLES DURING THIS CRISIS. YOU ARE BEING SUPPLIED WITH INFORMATION CIRCULARS ON WHICH YOU MAY DRAW FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. SPECIFICALLY WE SUGGEST YOU MAKE THESE POINTS:

(A) FUNDAMENTAL U.S. OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING PEACE IN CONFLICT WHOSE CONTINUATION CAN ONLY BE DETRIMENTAL TO AFRICAN INTERESTS.

(B) U.S. REFRAINED FOR FIVE DAYS IN FACE MASSIVE SOVIET AIRLIFT FROM RESUPPLY TO ISRAEL. RESUPPLY CAME ONLY AFTER IT WAS CLEAR SUCH RESUPPLY ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAINING BALANCE AND POSSIBILITIES FOR NEGOTIATED PEACE.

(C) U.S. HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE IN SEEKING CEASEFIRE AND SETTLEMENT BOTH IN UN AND IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION.

(D) PARTICIPANTS IN FIGHTING OBVIOUSLY HAVE SPECIAL INTERESTS IN THEIR PORTRAYAL OF POLICIES OF OTHERS. WE URGE AFRICAN NATIONS TO REACH NO JUDGMENTS REGARDING U.S. POLICIES ON BASIS DEMARCHES OF PARTICIPANTS BUT TO GIVE US OPPORTUNITY EXPLAIN OUR ROLE.

4. FOR ACCRA, DAKAR AND MONROVIA: UNLESS YOU BELIEVE DEMARCHE PRECEEDING LINES WOULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TALKING WITH HOST GOVT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND REPORTING. FYI: WE BELIEVE ISRAEL LOOKS ON THESE CAPITALS AS BELLWEATHER FOR THER RELATIONS WITH REMAINDER CONTINENT AND THAT IF THEY SWING, HERD EFFECT WILL BE ALMOST IRRESISTIBLE FOR REMAINDER. KISSINGER

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